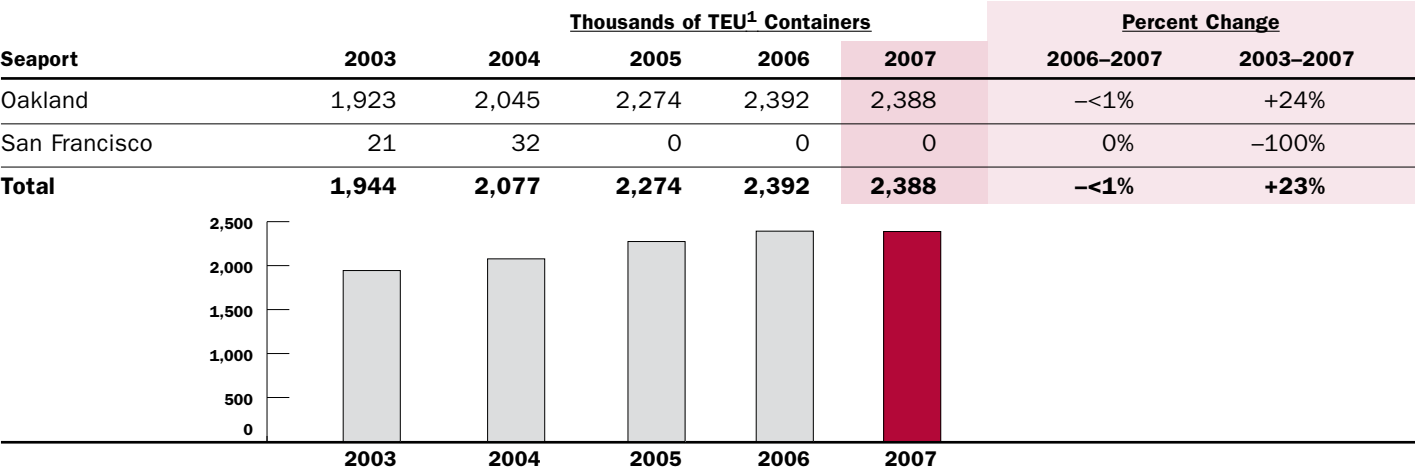


Bay Area Ports See Growth Stall in Both Container and Bulk Cargo

- Volumes of cargo through Bay Area seaports showed no significant growth in 2007. Although there were strong growth trends for the five-year period from 2003 to 2007, with bulk cargo volumes having increased 19 percent and container volumes 23 percent, the impacts of the slow-down in the economy have appeared in 2007. Bulk cargo increased in 2007 by only 2 percent, while container cargo remained flat.
- In the Bay Area, the Port of Oakland now accounts for 100 percent of the region’s container cargo. In 2005, the Port of San Francisco stopped all container service, which had accounted for only a modest share of regional volumes in recent years. Conversely, container traffic at the Port of Oakland has surged 24 percent since 2003. However, that steady growth came to a halt in 2007, with a very slight decrease in containers processed.

Container Marine Cargo at Bay Area Seaports, 2003–2007



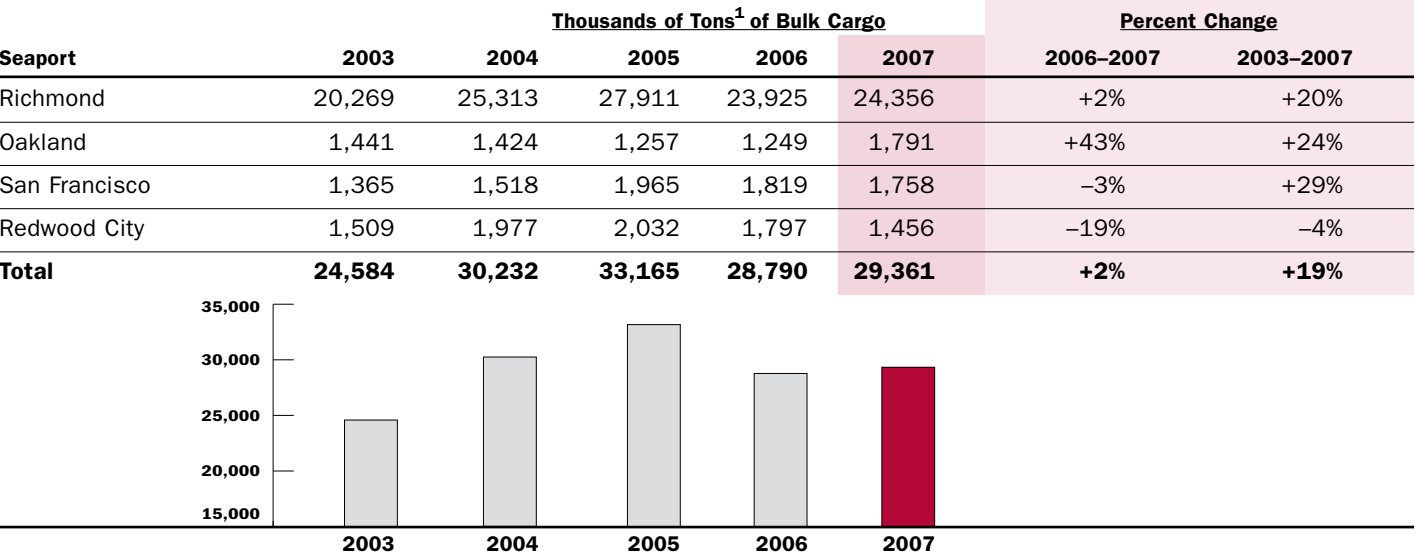
Sources: Ports of Oakland and San Francisco

<sup>1</sup>TEU = Twenty-foot equivalent

<sup>2</sup>San Francisco discontinued its container cargo operations in 2005.

- Although bulk cargo volumes grew by 2 percent regionally in 2007, the performance of individual ports varied dramatically. The Port of Richmond, which handles roughly 83 percent of the region’s bulk cargo, experienced only 2 percent growth in 2007, but has seen volumes increase 20 percent since 2003. The Port of Oakland saw a significant increase in bulk cargo, with volumes jumping 43 percent in 2007. However, the ports of Redwood City and San Francisco both experienced drops in volumes in 2007. Bulk volumes at the Port of Redwood City decreased 19 percent in 2007, while the Port of San Francisco’s volumes decreased 3 percent. However, since 2003, the Port of San Francisco’s bulk cargo volumes have increased 29 percent as the port has focused its efforts on bulk cargo.

**Bulk Marine Cargo at Bay Area Seaports, 2003–2007**



Sources: Ports of Oakland, Redwood City, Richmond, San Francisco

<sup>1</sup>One ton = 2,000 pounds  
 Note: Bulk marine cargo also passes through the Port of Benicia, but in substantially smaller volumes than at the four largest ports. This report does not include data from the Port of Benicia.